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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KHMER REPORT - OCTOBER 1

GENERAL

1. THE GKR'S ECONOMIC REFORM PACKAGE STARTED TO WORK AS BUYERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A 1280:1 FREE MARKET EXCHANGE RATE AND IMPORTERS ASKED FOR TEN TIMES THE DOLLARS THE GOVERNMENT WAS WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE AT EACH TWICE-WEEKLY FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET. PRICES HAVE RISEN ONLY 17 PERCENT COMPARED WITH THE PERIOD JUST BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 15 REFORMS TOOK EFFECT AND TENSIONS VISIBLE LAST WEEK IN SOME SEGMENTS OF THE SOCIETY HAVE EASED AS PRICES LEVEL OFF AND TROOPS ARE PAID. THE KHMER TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS' STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THE REFORMS AND THEIR DENUNCIATION OF THE GKR EARNED THEM A RAID OF THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND THE DISSOLUTION OF THEIR ASSOCIATION AT LON NOL'S ORDER. THE GKR QUICKLY CREATED A NEW, PURELY SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' ORGANIZATION TO MANAGE THE ASSETS OF THE DEFUNCT GROUP WHICH HAD SPONSORED INSURANCE PROGRAMS AND THE LIKE. "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE" WAS THE THEME OF REMARKS ON CONFIDENTIAL

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CAMBODIA AS THE UNGA BEGAN GENERAL DEBATE. ASIAN FRIENDS OF THE GKR WERE FOR POSITIVE UN ACTION TO BRING PEACE TO CAMBODIA; AFRICANS CASTIGATED THE GKR AS A FOREIGN LACKEY; AND INDIA AND THE USSR URGED THAT THE KHMER BE LEFT TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. IN A CLANDESTINE RADIO INTERVIEW KHIEU SAMPHAN CALLED FOR THE UN TO VOTE FOR GRUNK, STRESSING THAT THE LIBERATED ZONE HAS ALL THE POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AT-

TRIBUTES OF A STATE. FANK KICKED OFF OPERATIONS TO RECOVER SIGNIFICANT LOSSES OF TERRITORY IN KOMPONG CHHNANG AND REOPEN ROUTE 5 BETWEEN THE MR IX CAPITAL AND PURSAT.

POLITICAL (INTERNAL)

2. ACTING ON LON NOL'S ORDER, THE GKR RAIDED THE KHMER TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (AMCEK) HEADQUARTERS AND THEN DISSOLVED THE ORGANIZATION AFTER AMCEK HAD ISSUED AN INFLAMMATORY CONDEMNATION OF THE NEW ECONOMIC REFORMS. ON SEPTEMBER 27 THE GOVERNMENT CREATED A NEW TEACHERS' ORGANIZATION, TO BE CALLED THE "FUND FOR SOCIAL ASSISTANCE OF THE KHMER TEACHING CORPS" (FASCEK). THE NEW GROUP IS TO BE NON-POLITICAL AND CONCERN ITSELF ONLY WITH SOCIAL AND CULTURAL MATTERS AFFECTING TEACHERS; ITS PROVISIONAL DIRECTING COMMITTEE INCLUDES A NUMBER OF DEPUTIES AND TEACHERS. AS AMCEK'S OFFICIAL SUCCESSOR IT WILL PRESUMABLY INHERIT THE DEFUNCT GROUP'S ASSETS. AMCEK OFFICIALS ISSUED A BULLETIN CONDEMNING THE RAID AND ANOTHER NOTING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION BUT THEY HAVE NOT PUBLICLY REACTED TO CREATION OF A NEW ORGANIZATION. AMCEK PRESIDENT MAI LON HAS REPORTEDLY ORDERED WORK TO STOP AT THE ASSOCIATION'S HEADQUARTERS. (COMMENT: SPEEDY CREATION OF A NEW GROUP WILL SATISFY THOSE TEACHERS PRIMARILY CONCERNED ABOUT RETAINING THE FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE BENEFITS WHICH AMCEK SPONSORED. RADICALS WILL CONTENTN THAT THE NEW ORGANIZATION IS A CREATUR OF THE GOVERNMENT AND EXPLOIT GKR INTERFERENCE IN TEACHERS' AFFAIRS.

3. THE BANGKOK POST CARRIED PRESIDNET LON NOL'S INTERVIEW WITH VISITING THAI JOURNALISTS AND REPORTED THAT THE MARSHAL SAID THE GKR AND GRUNK HAVE MADE CONTACTS CONFIDENTIAL

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OUTSIDE CAMBODIA "ON A PRIVATE BASIS" AND HAVE "AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT SOME MEANS OF SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED." LON NOL ALSO SAID THAT THE UN SEAT IS NOT A MAJOR CONCERN FOR THE KHMER REPUBLIC BUT WILL BE A FACTOR FOR PEACE OR WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE NOTED THAT THE GKR HOPES TO BRING THE OTHER SIDE TO REALIZE A STALEMATE EXISTS AND THEN OPEN TALKS. SPEAKING OF HIS YOUNGER BROTHER'S RECENT RETURN, LON NOL SAID THAT LON NON "IS CONSIDERED AN ORDINARY PERSON RETURNING FROM AN OFFICIAL TRIP ABROAD" AND THAT HE "HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN CAMBODIA."

4. LON NON HIMSELF MET WITH A SPECTRUM OF KHMER LUMINARIES INCLUDING SIRIK MATAK, SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ, CHENG HENG, AND THE SUPREME PATRIARCHS OF THE TWO

BUDDHIST SECTS. PRESS REPORTS NOTE THAT LON NON NOW
PLANS TO TOUR PROVINCIAL CAPITALS. ONE VERNACULAR DAILY
DECLARED THAT LON NON WOULD SHORTLY BE NAMED TO THE
UNFILLED POST OF VICE-PRESIDENT.
LON NON DENIED THE REPORT.

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5. A WAVE OF ARMED ROBBERIES BY TROOPS AND UNIFORM-WEARING CIVILIANS PROMPTED THE FANK HIGH COMMAND TO ORDER THE ARREST OF ALL SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS CAUGHT CARRYING WEAPONS IN THE CAPITAL WITHOUT PERMITS OR MISSION ORDERS. FANK C-IN-C SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ FOLLOWED UP WITH AN "ORDER OF THE DAY" DECRYING THE THEFTS AND ORDERING THE GENDARMERIE TO BE VIGILANT AND TO ARREST ANY SUCH MALEFACTORS. SOSTHENE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT ALL TROOPS WOULD RECEIVE FULL PAY, INCLUDING RECENTLY-ANNOUNCED RAISES, ON THE OCTOBER 1 PAYDAY.

POLITICAL (EXTERNAL)

6. IN GENERAL DEBATE AT THE UN, INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK URGED THE UN NOT TO RECOGNIZE GRUNK WHICH, HE CONTENTED, WOULD BE INTRODUCING THE PRACTICE OF THE UN IMPOSING A GOVERNMENT ON A PEOPLE. MALIK SUPPORTED UN INTERVENTION IF IT WOULD LEAD TOWARDS A PEACEFUL OVERALL SOLUTION AND NOTED THE GKR'S JULY 9 NEGOTIATIONS OFFER IS "FULLY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SPIRIT OF ALL UN ENDEAVORS TO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS... THROUGH NEGOTIATION." MALIK STATED INDONESIA'S RESPECT FOR SIHANOUK FOR HIS ROLE IN CAMBODIA'S INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE BUT
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OBSERVED THAT HE IS NOW CLAIMING NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FROM THE CAPITAL OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY. THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER HOPED THE UN COULD HELP ACHIEVE PEACE IN CAMBODIA AND NOTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S WISH THAT THE UN PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT ON UN ACTIVITIES. INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SINGH SAID THAT THE KHMER PEOPLE SHOULD "BE ALLOWED TO DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE FREE FROM EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE", A FORMULA THE USSR'S GROMYKO FOLLOWED ALMOST TO THE WORD. THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER CALLED THE GKR, "AN INSTRUMENT OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND INTERFERENCE." IN STRONG CONTRAST TO THE EASTERN EUROPEANS, AFRICAN SUPPORTERS OF GRUNK GAVE REIN TO INVECTIVE WITH ZAMBIA SCORING LON NOL'S "PUPPET REGIME" AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA CITING THE GKR AS "A FASCIST... PUPPET GOVERNMENT." BOTH EMPHASIZED THE THEME OF FOREIGN (READ AMERICAN) INTERFERENCE IN CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS. THE LAO FOREIGN MINISTER HAMMERED "IMPERIALISTIC AGGRESSION AND INTERFERENCE" IN A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR "THE STRUGGLE OF THE KHMER PEOPLE."

7. WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL FOUND "IRRESPONSIBLE" THE CHALLENGE TO THE GKR'S CREDENTIALS IN THE UN. THE POST SAID, "IT IS NOT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO ARBITRATE BETWEEN A CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT AND AN INSURGENCY. THE WORLD BODY HAS NEVER BEFORE SO INTRUDED INTO A MEMBER STATE'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND THERE IS NO REASON TO START NOW." THE DAILY NOTED THAT NEXT YEAR ONE OF THE PRESENT CHALLENGERS MIGHT FIND HIS OWN CREDENTIALS CHALLENGED "SOLELY ON POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS." THE EDITORIAL STATED THAT US AID IS "WHAT KEEPS LON NOL AFLOAT" AND NOT THE GKR'S STATUS IN THE UN AND WENT ON TO ANALYZE CAMBODIA'S FUTURE (OR LACK OF ONE) UNDER AID REDUCTIONS OR CUT-OFF. CONGRESS, THE POST SAID, SHOULD CANDIDLY ADMIT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE AID REDUCTIONS IT IS CONSIDERING.

GRUNK/FUNK

8. IN A CLANDESTINE RADIO INTERVIEW KHIEU SAMPHAN SET FORTH HIS VIEW OF THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION AS IT AFFECTS THE UNGA DECISION ON KHMER REPRESENTATION. SAMPHAN CLAIMED 62 COUNTRIES HAVE RECOGNIZED GRUNK AND THAT

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PEACE AND JUSTICE-LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, "INCLUDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE" SUPPORT GRUNK. HE REFERRED TO THE GKR'S PARLOUS INTERNAL DISARRAY, NOTING TEACHER, STUDENT

AND WORKER DEMONSTRATIONS AND THEIR ULTIMATE DECLARATION THAT THEY NO LONGER RECOGNIZE THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT. THE KC LEADER EMPHASIZED THAT THE GKR HOLDS ALMOST NO TERRITORY AND CLAIMED THAT IN THE LIBERATED ZONE, "WE ARE A COMPLETE STATE... INDEPENDENT POLITICALLY, MILITARILY AND ECONOMICALLY...".

9. CLANDESTINE RADIO (AKI) FINALLY COMMENTED ON LON NON'S RETURN ASSERTING THAT THE US SENT HIM BACK TO CAMBODIA TO SUCCEED AN ALREADY EXPIRED LON NOL. AKI DESCRIBED LON NON AS A "CYNICAL ASSASSIN" WHO LIVED LAVISHLY WHILE TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES TO BE AN AMERICNN LACKY.

10. IN ITS EFFORT TO KEEP THE STUDENT/TEACHER POT BOILING, THE VOICE OF FUNK REPORTED THAT YOUTH AND TEACHERS REJECTED THE DISSOLUTION OF THE KHMER TEACHERS'

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ASSOCIATION AND ARE CONTINUING TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE
NEW ECONOMIC REFORMS.

ECONOMIC

11. SINCE THE GKR ESTABLISHMENT OF A THREE-TIER FOREIGN
EXCHANGE SYSTEM UNDER THE SEPTEMBER 15 ECONOMIC REFORMS,
THERE HAS BEEN STEADY PROGRESS IN GETTING THE MARKETS
INTO OPERATION. ON THE NEW FREE EXCHANGE MARKET, FINANCIAL
TRANSACTIONS ARE RUNNING 20 TO 30 PERCENT OVER THE PRE-
REFORM TRANSACTIONS LEVEL. FOR THE 10-DAY PERIOD SEP-
TEMBER 18-27, EXCHANGE PURCHASES TOTALLED \$787.4 THOUSAND,
WHILE THE TOTAL SALES AMOUNTED TO \$197.7 THOUSAND. THE

NEW EXCHANGE MARKET WILL BEGIN HANDLING COMMERCIAL IMPORT-EXPORT TRANSACTIONS IN ONE OR TWO WEEKS. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, THE FREE MARKET EXCHANGE RATE WAS SET AT 1280 RIELS PER DOLLAR, (WHICH COMPARES TO A CURRENT BLACK MARKET RATE OF 1400 RIELS PER DOLLAR).

12. THE NOUVEAU MARCHE DES CHANGES FLOOR RATE (WHICH APPLIES TO ESF IMPORTS) WAS SET AT 1221 RIELS PER DOLLAR AND THE CIP FLOOR RATE AT 1013 RIELS PER DOLLAR. THE NOUVEAU MARCHE DES CHANGES HAS ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE
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SINCE THE REFORMS. TOTAL BIDS HAVE AVERAGED AROUND \$2.4 MILLION IN EACH RECENT TWICE-WEEKLY MARKET, WITH BIDDING RATES RANGING FROM 1100 TO 1600 RIELS PER DOLLAR. THE CUT-OFF FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26 MARKET WAS 1380 RIELS PER DOLLAR. BELOW THIS RATE BIDS WERE REJECTED DUE TO THE NATIONAL BANK'S LIMITED OF \$251,000 FOR EACH TWICE-WEEKLY MARKET. THE MARKET FUND LIMIT IS BEING INCREASED TEMPORARILY TO \$500,000 PER MARKET; AND PROPORTIONATELY HIGHER EXCHANGE SALES ARE EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

13. THE THIRD MARKET, THE AID-FINANCED CIP WILL BE IN OPERATION SHORTLY AT A RATE (FOR U.S. IMPORTS) APPROXIMATELY TWENTY PERCENT BELOW THE FREE MARKET RATE.

14. MOST RETAIL PRICES HELD STEADY OR DECLINED IN PHNOM PENH MARKETS DURING THE WEEK ENDING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29. CHARCOAL WAS UP 13 PERCENT, SALT 12 PERCENT AND LOCAL CIGARETTES 10 PERCENT, BUT THE GENERALLY STABLE OR DOWNWARD TREND PERTAINED IN ALL OTHER MAJOR CATEGORIES. SUGAR DROPPED 13 PERCENT, CAULIFLOWER AND STRING BEANS 20 PERCENT, OCEAN FISH 6 PERCENT, BEEF AND RICE 5 PERCENT. COMPARED TO THE PERIOD JUST PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER 15 REFORMS, THE GENERAL PRICE LEVEL AS MEASURED BY THE OVERALL EMBASSY PRICE INDEX (FOOD AND NON-FOOD) HAS SHOWED A NET GAIN, MAINLY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE REFORMS OF ABOUT 17 PERCENT.

15. ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1974 RICE STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH WERE 28.4 THOUSAND TONS OR A 37-DAY SUPPLY AT 770 M/T PER DAY. KOMPONG SOM STOCKS SEPTEMBER 21 WERE 3,500 M/T. DELIVERIES ON THE 40,000 M/T SAIGON RICE LOAN CONTINUE WITH 4,206 M/T RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND 6,735 M/T DUE IN THE NEXT CONVOY. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SLIGHT DROP-OFF IN DISTRIBUTION FOLLOWING THE INCREASE IN RICE PRICE, RELEASE LEVELS NOW APPEAR TO HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL. THERE APPEARS TO BE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF RICE ON THE MARKET. THE INTERDICTION OF ROUTE 5 NORTH OF

KOMPONG CHHNANG WILL HAVE A HEAVY IMPACT ON THE STOCK
SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH. OVER 20,000 M/T OF RICE REMAIN
IN BATTAMBANG AWAITING SHIPMENT BY ROAD AND RIVER TO
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PHNOM PENH, AND UNLESS THE ROAD IS REOPENED THIS MUCH-NEEDED
RICE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE DURING THE CRITICAL MONTHS AT THE END
OF THE YEAR.

16. A CONTRACT FOR NINE SELF-PROPELLED BARGES TO CARRY
SALT FROM KAMPOT TO KOMPONG SOM HAS BEEN SIGNED IN
SAIGON AND 1450 M/T OF SALT HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED TO
PHNOM PENH. SALT WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE MOVED FROM
KOMPONG SOM TO PHNOM PENH BY USAID CHARTERED BARGES OR
COASTERS. THE GORAL IS 3,000 M/T OF SALT PER MONTH
FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS AND 2,000 M/T PER MONTH THERE-
AFTER. THE DEMAND FOR SALT PEAKS IN DECEMBER/JANUARY
DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE FRESH WATER FISHING SEASON.

17. INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY IN KOMPONG CHHNANG
PROVINCE HAS GENERATED SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF NEW REFU-
GEES. TO THE SOUTHEAST OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, GOVERN-
MENT MILITARY OPERATIONS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER
FREED AN ESTIMATED 9,750 RURAL KHMER FROM COMMUNIST
CONTROL. BOTH CARE AND WORLD VISION RESPONDED QUICKLY
BY DISTRIBUTING FOOD AND OTHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND
WORLD VISION IS PRESENTLY EXPANDING ITS ONGOING PROGRAMS
TO ACCOMMODATE THESE NEW REFUGEES. TO THE NORTHWEST OF
THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, INCREASED ENEMY PRESSURE ALONG
ROUTE 5 SINCE SEPTEMBER 20 HAS FORCED AN ESTIMATED
13,750 KHMER TO FLEE THEIR HOMES. CARE AND THE INDOCHINA
OPERATIONS GROUP ARE DISTRIBUTING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO
THESE REFUGEES AND CARE WILL START CONSTRUCTING TEMPORARY
SHELTERS AS SOON AS CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS CAN BE DE-
LIVERED.

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MILITARY

18. KOMPONG CHHNANG AGAIN CAME UNDER STRONG ENEMY PRESSURE THE FIRST PART OF THE WEEK AS ALMOST ALL THE REMAINING SMALL OUTPOSTS WEST OF THE CITY FELL. FIFTEEN KMS OF ROUTE 5 IS IN ENEMY HANDS AND THE CITY'S OUTER DEFENSIVE PERIMETER CRUMBLLED. FANK HEADQUARTERS REINFORCED WITH AN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER (APC) SQUADRON ON 25 SEPTEMBER AND WITH THE FOUR BATTALIONS OF THE 5TH BRIGADE ON 28 SEPTEMBER. FANK OPERATIONS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, UTILIZING A FORCE FROM PURSAT, WHICH INCLUDES AN APC SQUADRON, ATTACKING TO THE SOUTH DOWN ROUTE 5 WHILE THE FORCES IN KOMPONG CHHNANG ATTACK NORTH UP ROUTE 5.

19. SVAY RIENG CAME UNDER A STRONG ENEMY ATTACK SEPTEMBER 27. FIGHTING ALL AROUND THE CITY LASTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE ENEMY FORCE HIT THE NORTHERN DEFENSE SECTOR AND OVERRAN TWO POSITIONS. THE NEXT DAY THE ENEMY ROCKETED THE PERIMETER. CASUALTIES FOR THE TWO DAY PERIOD AMOUNTED TO 37 FRIENDLY KILLED AND 126 FRIENDLY WOUNDED; 73 ENEMY DIED. ON 29 SEPTEMBER THE ENEMY GUNNERS FIRED OVER 100 DK82 AND 107MM ROCKETS AGAINST THE CITY'S EASTERN PERIMETER
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NEAR PRASOT. THE ENEMY ATTACKS HAVE SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT DURING THE LAST 24 HOUR PERIOD AS THE KC COMMANDER APPEARS TO BE CONTEMPLATING HIS NEXT MOVE.

20. THE BASSAC RIVER OPERATION HAS MADE LITTLE PROGRESS OVER THE LAST SEVEN DAYS. THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO OFFER STIFF RESISTANCE AGAINST ATTEMPTS ON THE PART OF FANK TO MOVE. THE GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE ATTACKING INTO IDEALLY-ORGANIZED DEFENSIVE TERRAIN, WHICH IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE FLOODING IN THE AREA. FANK CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN HIGH AS THE ENEMY ATTACKS AND ABF'S TAKE THEIR TOLL.

21. THE KOH KRALOR RELIEF OPERATION LAUNCHED ON 21 SEPTEMBER HALTED 6KMS SHORT OF ITS OBJECTIVE DUE TO A NEED FOR REORGANIZATION AND A SUDDEN CHANGE IN PRIORITIES. ENEMY SUCCESSES IN KOMPONG CHHNANG CAUSED FANK TO REALLOCATE RESOURCES

FROM THIS OPERATION TO ASSIST MR IX.

22. DURING THE WEEK ENEMY GUNNERS FIRED TWELVE 107MM ROCKETS IN THREE BARRAGES AT PHNOM PENH. ALL FELL SHORT OF THE CITY PROPER, CAUSING A TOTAL OF FOUR CIVILIANS KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED.

23. THROUGHOUT THE WEEK CONVOYS MADE THREE ROUNDTRIPS FROM PHNOM PENH TO KOMPONG CHHNANG IN AN EFFORT TO REINFORCE THAT AREA. THE ANNUAL HIGH-WATER CONVOY TO PREY VENG ON SEPTEMBER 27 MADE THE TRIP WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE SEPT. 27 CONVOY FROM KOMPONG CHAM TO PHNOM PENH WAS ALSO INCIDENT -FREE.

24. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCED SEPT. 27 THAT BEGINNING IN EARLY OCTOBER BIRD AIR, AN AMERICAN CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR, WILL USE CIVILIAN CREWS TO OPERATE US-FURNISHED C-130S FROM THAILAND IN SUPPORT OF U.S. AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMBODIA, REPLACING THE FORMER USAF OPERATION.
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